

REMARKS

The Examiner issued an election of species requirement on August 12, 2005. In this election of species requirement, the Examiner attempted to shorten his requirement using sets of parenthesis and various combinations of and's and or's. This shortened form was not understandable and was unworkable. The combinations of parenthesis, and's and or's created indefinite sets of claims from which the Applicant was to choose. Specifically, the number of open parenthesis “(“ did not match the number of close parenthesis “)”. Upon the Applicant's request, the Examiner issued a new election of species requirement on September 8, 2005. This communication is in response to the Examiner's election of species requirement, dated September 8, 2005.

Election

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicant hereby elects without traverse the group of claims consisting of 1, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 23, 76, and 10. This grouping is from Group IA of the Examiner's requirement and can be found on page 2 of the Examiner's requirement. The Examiner has noted that claims that are considered parallel to the aforementioned group of claims will also be examined. Claim 122 is considered parallel to claim 1. Claim 149 is considered parallel to claim 30. Claim 150 is considered parallel to claim 31. Claim 151 is considered parallel to claim 32. Claim 152 is considered parallel to claim 33. Claim 153 is considered parallel to claim 34. Claim 142 is considered parallel to claim 23. Claim 129 is considered parallel to claim 10. The examiner did not indicate which claim or claims are parallel to claim 76. Applicant respectfully submits claims 183 and 184 are parallel to claim 76. Accordingly, after Applicant's present election, claims 1, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 23, 76, 10, 122, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 142, 183, 184, and 129 are pending in the present application. The remaining claims are thus withdrawn from consideration pending the allowance of any generic claim which might be generic with respect to the withdrawn claims. Applicant requests that the withdrawn claims and subject matter be considered should any generic claim be found allowable.

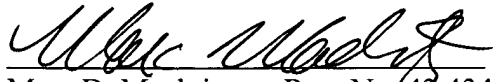
Conclusion

In view of the above election, Applicant requests examination on the merits of the present application. If the Examiner requires further information with respect to this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's attorney at (847) 537-3537 for a telephonic interview.

Respectfully submitted,

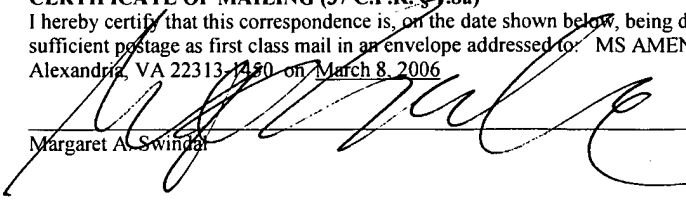
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